

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A carrier comprising carrier particles, said particles comprising a magnetic core and a resin layer covering said core, wherein said carrier particles have a weight average particle diameter D_w which is 22-32 μm and a number average particle diameter D_p which meets with the following condition:

$$1 < D_w/D_p < 1.20,$$

and

(1) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 20 μm is no more than 7wt% of the total weight of said particles,

(2) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 36 μm is 90-100wt% of the total weight of said particles, and

(3) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 44 μm is 98-100wt% of the total weight of said particles.

Claim 2 (Original): The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said particles have a weight average particle diameter D_w which is 22-30 μm , and wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 20 μm is no more than 5wt%.

Claim 3 (Original): The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 20 μm is no more than 3wt%.

Claim 4 (Original): The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said carrier particles provide a magnetic moment of from 70 to 150emu/g in an applied magnetic field at 1 KOe.

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